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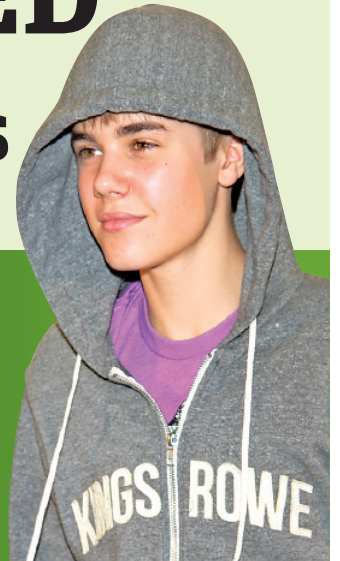
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Cards on table: Review officer

- McCallum rejects government's statement that gambling document couldn't be released due to methodology errors
- Labour department reviewing report, formal response coming

A draft report on the social and economic impacts of gambling that was shelved about 18 months ago by the Nova Scotia government should be released, says the province's freedom of information review officer.

The government refused to provide the document a year ago, saying it wasn't being released because of problems with its research techniques.

The Canadian Press and an anti-gambling group appealed to the review officer in a bid to get the report released by the Department of Labour and Advanced Education.

In her report, Dulcie McCallum recommends the release of the full draft report.

She rejects the province's argument the document is exempted under the freedom of information law because it might provide advice, recommenda-

tions or draft regulations to a cabinet minister or public body.

The final draft of the report was submitted by a consultant in September 2009, a couple of months before his contract was terminated under the direction of the province's NDP government.

It was expected to delve into the costs to society of gambling addiction tied to video lottery terminals.

The consultant who wrote the report, Mark Anielski, has rejected criticisms of his methods. Anielski says he suspects the study was killed because it focused on social problems linked to the use of VLTs and casino slot machines.

The province has said about \$99.5 million of its \$146 million in gambling revenues in 2009-10 came from VLTs.

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► Liberal
Leo Glavine

Liberal reaction

In the legislature yesterday, Liberal Leo Glavine asked Labour Minister Marilyn More if she would table the report.

- "This needs to be made public now. It should have been there before the most recent (gambling) strategy was put forward," he said.
- More said she will consider the recommendations and respond formally.

First. Laughs



RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

► Comedian Doug Funk performs last night during the Halifax ComedyFest's opening gala.

Halifax ComedyFest kicks off

The popular weeklong festival continues tonight with the Comedy All Stars show at Casino Nova Scotia's Schooner Showroom.



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Green groups want answers

► About 150 people attend demonstration ► Province made 2 concessions to environmental lobby this week, but EAC says biomass still too high



► Piper Pat Melanson leads environmentalists and woodlot owners as they march to the legislature in Halifax yesterday.



ALEX BOULIER
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Frustration within Nova Scotia's environmentalist community boiled over as Natural Resources Minister Charlie Parker addressed a rally outside Province House yesterday.

The crowd, composed of representatives from a number of different environmental groups, shouted "we don't believe you" as Parker promised to release the province's

much-delayed natural-resources strategy soon.

"Our natural resources strategy is going to be out very shortly, this spring," Parker said. The crowd shouted: "When."

"Within the next few weeks, absolutely, you're going to see that," he replied.

The rally began at a nearby hotel, where 53 environmental groups led by the Ecology Action Centre held a press conference.

There, the groups

"We're just fine-tuning the strategy now, and within days or a very few weeks it will be out for all Nova Scotians. We'll share it with everyone."

NATURAL RESOURCES
MINISTER CHARLIE PARKER

called on Premier Darrell Dexter to act immediately on a number of items, in-

cluding reducing clearcutting by 50 per cent over five years, removing large biomass projects from the province's renewable energy plan and moving along with the government's plan to protect 12 per cent of the province's landmass.

"We are hear today because we are getting increasingly frustrated because it seems like (the NDP) have lost their way on the environmental agenda," said Mark Butler, policy director for EAC.



► NDP MP Megan Leslie

Halifax candidates prepare to do battle

The federal leaders had their turn, now it's time for our local candidates to face off.

Halifax's candidates will be bumping heads at the Scotiabank Theatre in the Sobeys Building at Saint Mary's University at 7 p.m. tonight for the first debate in the four main HRM ridings.

Megan Leslie (NDP) is the incumbent, and she'll spar with Stan Kutcher (Liberal), George Nikolaou (Conservative) and Michael Dewar (Green).

"I'm hoping to hear of some new issues that might catch me off guard," Leslie said in a phone interview yesterday afternoon.

She said she hopes the debate will be lively and expects a good turnout.

It's Nikolaou's first debate. And while it's held at Saint Mary's, Nikolaou said he hopes not just the students will come out to ask questions.

"I'm looking forward to having my voice heard," he said.

Kutcher couldn't be reached for comment.

The student association holds a debate every year to get students to come out and decide who will best represent them, organizers said on the debate's Facebook site.

● LAURA WARREN

Man charged in Jewett killing

There is another co-accused in the murder of Dillon Jewett, whose body was found near an East Uniacke quarry.

James Patterson, 21, is facing a charge of accessory to murder after the fact.

Brothers Kyle Brian

Gowen and Steven Shaun Gowen, as well as Amanda Allison Greene, are facing charges of first-degree murder. Their preliminary hearing is scheduled for June 9.

Patterson was arrested in February and posted a

Appearance

Patterson will appear in a Dartmouth courtroom on April 27.

surety for bail on March 3. One of the conditions of

his bail is he is not allowed to have any contact with his co-accused except through a lawyer. ● METRO

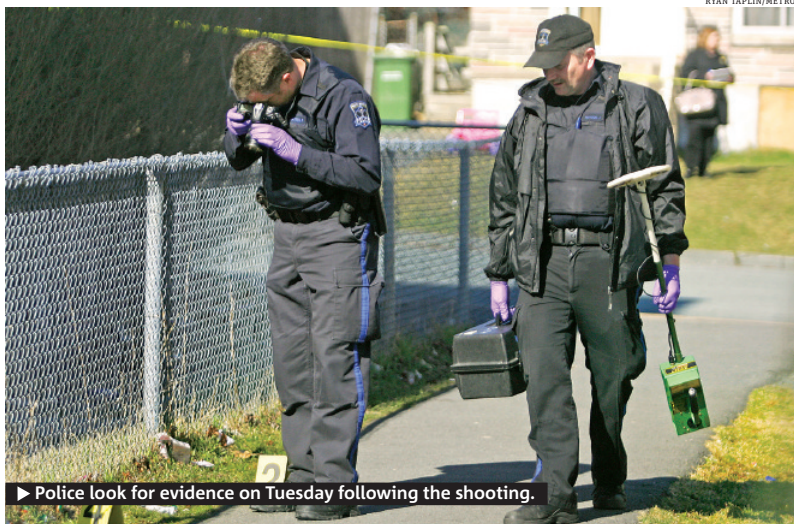


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More to come

Upcoming debates in other metro HRM ridings:

- **Halifax West:** Tuesday, April 19, 9:30 a.m. at C.P. Allen High school.
- **Sackville-Eastern Shore:** Sunday, 7 p.m. at Eastern Shore Community Centre.
- **Dartmouth-Cole Harbour:** Unknown.



RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

► Police look for evidence on Tuesday following the shooting.

Shooting victim sent back to jail

► Halifax police believe shooting related to drug sub-culture ► No descriptions of suspects released yet



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The man who was shot in Dartmouth on Tuesday was sent back to jail when he got out of the hospital.

A 25-year-old man was hit with one of the several bullets that ripped through the area of Kennedy and Roleika drives at 3:15 p.m. He was inside an SUV when he was hit.

When police arrived on scene, they found the SUV and performed a "high-risk takedown" because weapons were involved, said Const. Brian Palmeter of Halifax Regional Police.

The injured man was

taken to hospital and the SUV's two other occupants were taken into police custody for questioning and were later released.

"All three people questioned were not forthcoming with information," Palmeter said.

Palmeter said when the victim was released from hospital, his parole was revoked and he was sent back to the Central Nova Correc-

tional Facility in Dartmouth early yesterday morning.

But Palmeter had more information as to what happened on Tuesday. He said it appears a group of people on foot were involved in the shooting and not another vehicle.

"We're trying to determine if the shots were fired back and forth," Palmeter said.

Police received a number of witness reports of people and cars leaving the scene, but Palmeter said investigators are trying to determine which reports involve suspects and which involve people fleeing for their safety.

More questions

Const. Brian Palmeter said he didn't know why the man's parole was revoked.

Former businessman gets 18 months for sex crimes

A former Nova Scotia businessman was sentenced yesterday to 18 months in jail after being found guilty of four sex-related charges involving boys in the 1970s.

Ernest Fenwick MacIntosh, 67, was convicted of two counts each of gross indecency and indecent assault involving two of three complainants in the case. Chief Justice Joseph Kennedy of Nova Scotia's Supreme Court found MacIntosh not guilty on six other charges earlier this year.

The prosecution asked for a two-year sentence for MacIntosh, who was arrested in India in 2007 and extradited.

The trial was MacIntosh's second on sex-crimes charges.

In the earlier trial, MacIntosh was found guilty of 13 counts of indecent as-



RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

► Ernest MacIntosh

sault and gross indecency involving two complainants and was sentenced to four years in prison, although he was given more than two years' credit for time already served.

Names withheld

The names of all the complainants in both cases are protected by a publication ban.

He is appealing those convictions.

Kennedy ordered that both sentences be served consecutively.

Outside court yesterday, Crown attorney Diane McGrath said no credit was given to MacIntosh in the 18-month sentence he was given at his second trial because it was used at his first trial.

"So there was no further remand time to be credited to these particular offences, therefore the 18 months as imposed by Justice Kennedy is 18 months," she said.

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Archeological dig set at library site

A seedling of activity on the Central Library site will sprout this month.

The site at the corner of Spring Garden Road and Queen Street will see some action as construction managers EllisDon, which won the tender, start getting ready.

They will install trailers and fencing in April.

A tender of archeological exploration work will go out soon and the dig will start in May and finish in June.

Bellevue House, which

\$55M
The \$55-million library is expected to open in 2014.

was home to British Army's Commander-in-Chief for Halifax, was located near there.

Any archeological treasures discovered during construction will be automatic property of the province.

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Pilot asked for info at time of crash: Report

A preliminary report into a plane crash that killed a Canadian real estate developer who was reportedly flying back from Halifax says the pilot suddenly went off radar as he was receiving co-ordinates in a mountainous area in Maine.

The National Transportation Safety Board report says the pilot asked for flight information around mountainous terrain on March 7. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Halifax scores too low to net NHL team

► City's lack of a facility and small population shut out hockey hopes



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A new study all but wipes out the far-fetched dream of a National Hockey League team ever coming to Halifax.

The study, published on Tuesday by a research centre at the University of Toronto, says Canada could accommodate as many as six additional teams, but essentially rules out Halifax and Saskatoon after an evaluation of 10 markets.

"I don't think Halifax hockey fans should be waiting for the team moving van to show up this summer," said co-author Tony Keller.

The study, titled The New Economics of the NHL,

gave Halifax a C, the lowest grade among the 10 markets. Saskatoon finished slightly ahead with a C-plus.

While Halifax received an F for its lack of an NHL-calibre facility, Keller said its relatively small population hurt it the most. Population factors counted as 60 per cent of the overall grade while the facility was weighted at just five per cent.

The study says Toronto, Vancouver and Montreal could support second teams, while Winnipeg, Quebec City and Southern Ontario — one of Hamilton, London or Kitchener-Waterloo — are the best new markets for teams.

"I don't want to say Hali-

Scorecard

Potential NHL markets according to study:

- Greater Toronto: A to A+
- Hamilton: A-
- Montreal: A-
- Kitchener-Waterloo: B+
- Vancouver: B to B+
- London, Ont.: B
- Winnipeg: B-
- Quebec City: B-
- Saskatoon: C+
- **Halifax: C**

fax cannot support an NHL team, but it scores low, its economic strength is low, its population is low, relative to the other candidates," Keller said.

In January 2007, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman didn't rule out the idea of a Halifax expansion team during an interview with the CBC.

Spin. Class



► Blenda Rodriguez of the Harlem Globetrotters teaches students some new tricks during a tour promoting the team's C.H.E.E.R. For Character program at St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay elementary school yesterday in Halifax.

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Bringing cheer to the classroom

The Globetrotters are taking to the court tonight at the Halifax Metro Centre. Start time is 7 p.m. Tickets are still available.

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Green companies set to get a boost

► Provincial fund will give emerging clean technology businesses access to capital ► Managed by Innovacorp

Nova Scotia is setting up a \$24-million fund to help clean technology companies access capital.

Premier Darrell Dexter said knowledge-based companies create good jobs, help grow the economy and are vital to the province's prosperity.

"This fund will support the growth of emerging clean technology companies and move the province in a new direction forward," Dexter said yesterday in a statement.

Clean technology includes renewable energy, energy efficiency, air and water quality solutions, and recycling. The government said there are a



► Premier Darrell Dexter

range of products and services that can provide superior performance at lower costs while minimizing any negative ecological impact.

The fund will be managed by Innovacorp, a Crown corporation that focuses on high-growth potential in early stage companies with innovative proprietary technology.

Innovacorp's president and CEO said the company is looking forward to working with entrepreneurs, investors and researchers to bring green innovations to the marketplace.

"This additional capital is coming at a time of ever-increasing international demand for clean technologies and solutions," said Clifford Gross. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Green. Thumb



► Helen MacLean prepares some plots in front of the reconstructed gazebo at the Public Gardens yesterday as it opened for a new season yesterday.

TERRA CIOLFE/FOR METRO

Public Gardens open for season

Correction

In the April 13 story Province funds autism

program, it was incorrectly stated the province's funding for Early Intensive Behavioural Intervention would

increase by \$4 billion over two years. The funding will increase by \$4 million over two years.

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Learn to be your own boss

- ▶ About 400 entrepreneurs to take part in April 18th expo
- ▶ Kevin O'Leary of CBC's Dragons' Den keynote speaker

Being in control of your life is what appeals to one local entrepreneur. Sylvain Allaire is a former Canadian military commander and the managing partner of Dartmouth-based HR pros, a human resource management company.

After his career with the military ended, Allaire knew he was too young to retire. "In previous generations once you got a job, you had it for life," he said.

HR pros has been in business for three years with a focus on helping small businesses with human relations and giving them the building blocks for preparing them for the next generation of workers.



▶ Sylvain Allaire

Allaire is out to gain more business knowledge next week as he takes part in the 2011 Halifax Entrepreneurship Expo on Monday.

Philip Calvert, an event organizer, said the expo is very important for Halifax.

"There are a lot of young people today that are in business for themselves

Business savvy

▶ For full details, visit halifax-entrepreneurshipexpo.ca.

and it creates a lot of employment and economic impact in our community," he said.

As for setting up shop in HRM, Allaire said he and his business partner started here because of the "open and diverse nature of the city."

His advice for anyone wanting to become an entrepreneur? "Have a solid business plan, set realistic goals and don't be afraid to go out and ask questions."

● ANDREW CALEY



▶ Ken Pinto, an organizer of the annual Titanic commemorative ceremony, poses for a photo at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery yesterday.

Remembering the Titanic

Dig out your flashlights and dress warmly for tonight's 99th anniversary of the birth and sinking of the Titanic.

The anniversary will take place at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery on Windsor Street at 11 p.m., and everyone is welcome to attend.

"We're holding it at this cemetery because a lot of the bodies are buried here along with two other cemeteries in Halifax," event coordinator Ken Pinto said.

"The Titanic hit the iceberg at exactly 11:40 p.m., so at 11:40 we will start some storytelling to honour

150 Pinto said there are 150 bodies from the Titanic that are buried in Halifax, more than anywhere else in the world.

the people who perished," he said.

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Nice guys no longer

► French debate's a donnybrook as four leaders take off the gloves



Fireworks lit up the Ottawa sky last night — and there were fireworks inside the conference centre where the televised French-language leaders' debate took place.

After Tuesday's comparatively stiff and staid English debate, the four leaders ramped up the rhetoric in a French-language donnybrook.

Stephen Harper's understanding of Canada's system of government came under sustained attack and an exchange on the legitimacy of coalitions was just the beginning of a sharp-elbowed evening.

The effectiveness of corporate tax cuts, the federal long-gun registry, the Tory agenda on crime, harmonized sales taxes — and the import of "Republican values" from the U.S. — made for a rather less comfortable evening for the front-running prime minister.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, looking more animated and engaged than he did Tuesday, got into several pitched battles with his rivals, notably NDP Leader Jack Layton and Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff tried to wrap himself in the Canadian flag, suggesting that Quebecers are no longer con-

Power play

- Jack Layton tried to portray Gilles Duceppe as the coach of a hockey team with no offensive players.
- "You and your team, you're like a hockey team made up of defencemen only," Layton quipped.
- "The NDP can score goals."

cerned about the country's long-standing constitutional battles.

"Nobody ever talked to me about the Constitution; nobody ever mentioned it," Ignatieff said of his extensive travels through Quebec last summer.

"Quebecers are concerned about other issues."

Duceppe pounced.

"In 2011 it doesn't matter anymore? Is that what you're saying?" he said.

"That's the same thing Pierre Trudeau was saying back in 1976."

The fiery exchange allowed Harper to get off perhaps his best line of an evening otherwise dominated by his opponents.

He has been pounding on the hypothetical scenario of a Liberal-NDP-Bloc coalition.

"Imagine, ladies and gentlemen," he said, looking directly into the camera, "another minority parliament with these three parties trying to form a government."

"The same old constitutional and linguistic squabbles."



► Starting out as friends: Jack Layton, Gilles Duceppe, Stephen Harper and Michael Ignatieff shake hands at the start of last night's French-language televised election debate.

For Harper, the stakes are clear.

The Bloc has held at least half of Quebec's seats in every federal election since 1993.

The Liberals have been reduced to 14 seats.

The NDP won a lone Montreal seat in 2008.

Harper was also forced to dodge a direct question on where his proposed billions in budget cuts would come from, citing instead his party's "modest promises compared to the other parties."

"You know as well as I do, nothing's getting done in Ottawa. We're treading water ... we have to change things. It's not enough to oppose Mr. Harper. We have to replace him."

NDP LEADER JACK LAYTON,
SPEAKING OUT IN LAST NIGHT'S DEBATE

And on the explosive issue of American values, the Prime Minister responded that he's "very proud of speaking French. I've even spoken French at the White House."

Harper's months-long effort to paint a potential

coalition government as illegitimate was rebutted by Duceppe.

Duceppe cited a letter Harper wrote in 2004, with Duceppe and Layton on-side, imploring the Governor General to explore "all options" if the newly elect-

ed minority Liberal government was defeated on its throne speech.

"We weren't talking about a coup d'état, obviously," said Duceppe, drawing chuckles from the small studio audience that had been warned to remain silent.

Harper accused Duceppe of "trying to rewrite history."

"A vote for the Bloc is a vote for (Liberal Leader Michael) Ignatieff," Harper maintained.

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TV anchor not ready for prime time

The right-wing Sun News Network has lost one of its prime-time anchors just days ahead of next week's launch.

Mercedes Stephenson was not suited for the venture and the split was mutual, a spokesperson for the conservative news channel said from Quebec

City yesterday.

"The show was not a good fit for her," said Serge Sasseville of Quebecor Media, which also oversees a slew of properties including canoe.ca, TVA, Sun Media, Videotron and Le Journal de Montreal.

"We wish her well."

The Sun columnist and military analyst had been hired to co-host a political series called Daily Brief with David Akin, the Sun's national bureau chief.

Sasseville said the show will continue with Akin as the sole host but refused to provide details about Stephenson's departure.

Stephenson could not immediately be reached for comment.

Sun has announced its first major distribution deal with a cable or satellite television provider.

The arrangement with Shaw Communications Inc. puts Sun News in two million homes in Western

Canada and Ontario.

Sun News says it hopes to announce deals with other providers. Sasseville refused more comment.

The channel is being made available to Shaw Direct and Shaw Cable customers for a free, six-month preview period.

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The Sun rises

- Dubbed Fox News North by critics, Sun News Network debuts Monday with the slogan "Hard news and straight talk."
- On-air personalities include Winnipeg-based talk-radio host Charles Adler and conservative author Ezra Levant.
- Former Tory spin doctor Kory Teneyck serves as vice-president Sun News.



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Concealing weapons

► French bombers in Libya have trouble detecting Gadhafi's fighter units

As French navy Rafale and Super Etendard fighter-bombers carrying laser-guided bombs catapulted yesterday off the Charles de Gaulle aircraft carrier into a

cloudless Mediterranean sky, officers aboard described the difficulties they face. Despite all the modern technology, troops loyal to Libyan leader Moammar

Gadhafi are harder than ever to identify.

Gadhafi's forces are camouflaging their units to conceal them from detection and attack, officers said.

"There is obviously a degree of savoir-faire ... that we haven't seen before," said the commander of the carrier's air wing.

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Al-Jazeera asks for captured reporters

The Arabic news channel Al-Jazeera is calling on Libyan authorities to release its two reporters.

In a statement yesterday, the network urged Libya to release reporters Ammar al-Hamdan of Norway and Kamel al-Tallou of Britain, who were captured in western Libya in March along with two others, who have been released. The Qatar-based network is "extremely grateful for the support" it has received for the re-

100 Reporters Without Borders says about 100 foreign reporters are in Libya to cover the conflict between longtime leader Gadhafi and rebel forces.

lease of its two reporters. However, more efforts are needed to secure their other colleagues' freedom, the statement said.

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British PM shows strong commitment to rebels

British Prime Minister David Cameron says Britain and France will "leave no stone unturned" as they search for ways to help Libya's rebels topple Moammar Gadhafi.

Cameron made the comments yesterday in Paris where he is to discuss the military operation in Libya with French President Nicolas Sarkozy. Both countries' defence chiefs are also attending.

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News in brief

U.S. jets still striking Libya

The Pentagon is revealing for the first time that U.S. fighter jets have continued to strike Libyan air defences after turning the mission over to NATO.

Pentagon spokesman Col. Dave Lapan said the jets were assigned to NATO and are operating under its command.

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Diplomats behaving badly

Germany says it has expelled five Libyan diplomats for allegedly pressuring Libyan dissidents in the country.

The move comes a day before a meeting of foreign ministers of the NATO alliance, which is leading a campaign against Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi.

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BARRY BONDS

Baseball star found guilty of obstruction

A U.S. federal jury convicted Barry Bonds of a single charge of obstruction of justice yesterday but failed to reach a verdict on the three counts at the heart of allegations that he knowingly used steroids and human growth hormone and lied to a grand jury about it.

After a 12-day trial and almost four full days of deliberation, the jury of eight women and four men could reach a unanimous verdict on only one of the four counts against Bonds. U.S. Dis-

trict Judge Susan Illston declared a mistrial on the others, a messy end to a case that put the slugger — and baseball itself — under a cloud of suspicion for more than three years.

Bonds sat stone-faced through the verdict, displaying no emotion.

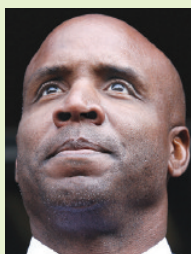
His legal team immediately asked that the guilty verdict be thrown out. Illston did not rule on the request and set May 20 for a hearing in the case.

The case also represented the culmination of the federal investigation into the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative

steroids ring.

Federal prosecutors and the Justice Department will have to decide whether to retry Bonds on the unresolved counts.

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Lost in translation: Birth control is holy?

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► Pope Benedict XVI waves during a general audience yesterday in St. Peter's square at the Vatican. Benedict wrote a preface to a book designed to distill the official catechism into a more easily understandable read for young people.

► Youth book implies the Holy See approves euthanasia and contraception

The Vatican has again been embarrassed by a botched translation of its teachings, with the launch yesterday of an error-plagued book that implies the Holy See approves of contraception and euthanasia.

The errors came to light during a Vatican news conference launching Youcat: Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church, a youth-focused compilation of the thick volume of core church teachings. The book, a project of the Austrian, German and Swiss bishops' conferences, is to be given to young people attending this year's World Youth Day in Madrid.

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Botched translation

Monsignor Rino Fisichella, an Italian who heads the Vatican's evangelization office, seemed aghast at the euthanasia terminology.

- Each translation had a high-ranking churchman vouch for its accuracy.
- Youcat was prepared in 17 languages — 30 more translations are planned.
- Pope Benedict XVI wrote a preface to the book and on the back cover is quoted as exhorting: "Study this catechism! This is my heartfelt desire."

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Economy shifting to low gear: Carney

► Expect loonie to stay high for next few years, central bank says

The Canadian economy is entering a period of slow growth under the heavy burden of a strong dollar, Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney warns.

The dollar's impact on trade, particularly exports, is a key reason Carney expects the economy to slow

sharply in the next two years after a 4.2 per cent growth spurt in the first quarter of this year. Other factors are a tapped-out consumer and government spending restraint.

The bank says the second quarter will see growth slow to two per cent, in part because of auto-sector disruptions caused by the Japanese earthquake.

Economists had been pointing to May or July as likely dates for a policy-rate hike from the current one per cent, but the new outlook suggests the rate could stay low for much longer, since raising it too soon could lift the loonie even higher. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



► Persons of interest: Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney, right, and Senior Deputy Governor Tiff Macklem make their way to a news conference in Ottawa yesterday.

DIRTY LINEN

Soap on the ropes: Cartel fined

Procter & Gamble and Unilever were fined a total of \$456 million US yesterday for fixing prices of powdered laundry detergent in eight EU countries. Germany's Henkel AG, another member of the cartel, escaped a fine because it blew the whistle on the others.

U.S.-based Procter & Gamble Co., British-Dutch company Unilever





NV and Henkel AG are the leading producers of detergent in Europe. The cartel was started when the companies were in joint talks on how to cut down on packaging, the EU's Competition Commissioner said. They agreed not to reduce prices even though the packages were smaller. The cartel lasted from January 2002 until March 2005.

The detergent case is the third cartel case the commission decided to settle this year. A settlement leads to lower fines but cuts down on investigation costs.

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I love the playoffs and, like most relationships, the first two weeks are the best. Canada has hope and the post-season is welcomed as the first burst of spring. By the time the finals get underway, it's too hot for hockey, the Canuck clubs have melted away, and, often, a contender from the Deep South has you wondering how long it will be before the Quito Nordiques defeat the Bogota Maple Leafs in the Copa del Stanley.

But, oh, the next few weeks. The playoffs provide the comfort of a tradition with the excitement of unpredictable pandemonium. It's like going home for Christmas and finding a new family every year. And who wouldn't want that?

Because I am one of Canada's top-three most read columnists on this page, the country has been awaiting my Stanley Cup predictions. And here they are:

- One overtime game will go deep into the night — with dozens of saves, goalposts and close calls — ending only when you decide to take a "quick jaunt" to the bathroom.

- Something spectacular will happen whenever TV decides to have a pointless during-play interview with a parent (on Canadian TV) or second-rate celebrity (on U.S. TV). We didn't need to see that Ovechkin goal, NBC. An unshaven Vince Vaughn in a ball cap is awesome, too.

- Even if the final series is between Nashville and Tampa Bay and involves not a single Toronto connection, media will be abuzz with what it means for the Leafs. ("Lost in all the hubbub over the Stanley Cup championships, is that Mikhail Grabovski and the winning coach wear a similar brand of sock.")

- Don Cherry will applaud the military, laud Canada, and warn players not to showboat, dive, hit from behind, back down from a fight, or get your stick in the way of a shot. Rumour has it he may also wear something delightfully offbeat.

And those are my predictions. You don't even need to watch anymore.

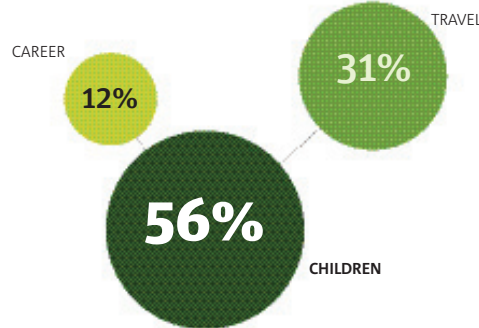
And though I have mocked Don Cherry, you should still remember the words of a certain strangely dressed and plain-speaking Canadian icon when I say: Keep your stick on the ice.

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Local tweets



► @ballyhewe: The Public Gardens may be open but only a few brave (and bundled up) souls are wandering through it.

► @throwaway_style: "I have to cross the bridge and pay the toll." "I read that as 'pay the troll.' That would have been a much better story."

► @OhSusannah63: The only downside that the Halifax Public Gardens has opened for another glorious season is that the Dairy Queen has closed. For good. Damn.

► @susieshalifax: Phew! "Bridge officials say

concrete on MacDonald came from an anchor pier and is being investigated, but bridge is structurally sound."

► @tinapittaway: Is there a watering hole where people are gathering in Halifax for Thursday's debate?

► @atlanticwriter: I'm looking for people in #Halifax who grow vegetables in containers ... any HRM urban gardeners out there?

► @6packhabs: Damn, don't know why I waited to get #Habs #Bruins tickets for the game in #Halifax. Best available seats together are behind the skyboxes.

Letters

HALIFAX. Today there are about 300 people in Atlantic Canada who are in need of an organ transplant and hundreds of others awaiting tissue transplants. One single organ donor can save up to eight lives, and provide 40 tissue transplants to enhance the lives of many others.

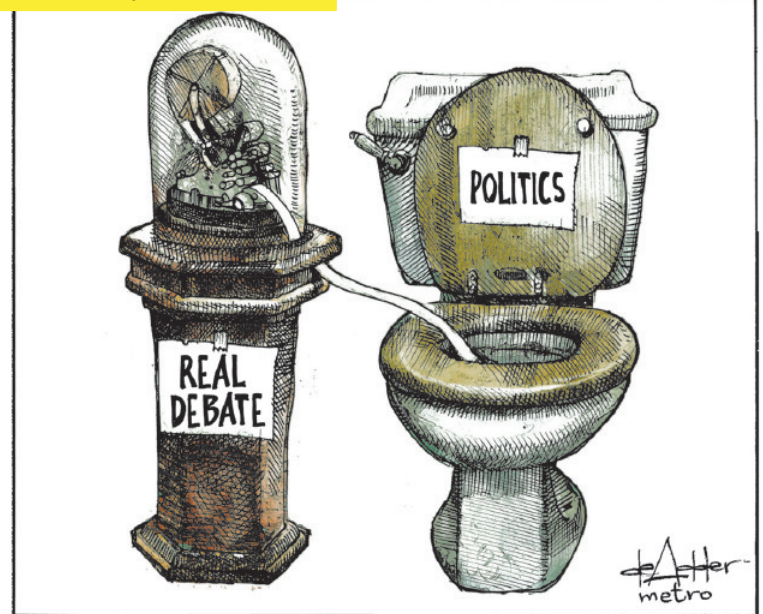
April 17-24 is National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week and doctors in Nova Scotia encourage all Nova Scotians to consider the possibility of organ and tissue donation. By considering donation you are giving hope to thousands of Canadians who are waiting for potentially life-saving transplants.

Each year in Nova Scotia, hundreds of people get a second chance at life because of organ and tissue donations.

In Nova Scotia, you can register your wish for organ and tissue donation on your health card upon renewal. You can also contact MSI and submit a donor registration form. For more information about donating and how to register, visit www.legacyoflife.ns.ca.

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WEIRD NEWS

Something to sign his cheques with

Some say the pen is mightier than the sword. If true, Czech President Vaclav Klaus will soon be a very mighty man. More than 5,000 Czechs have signed up to a Facebook campaign to mail pens to the president after a video of him sheepishly pocketing a pen he took an obvious liking to during an official signing ceremony last week in Chile became widely popular on the Internet.

Klaus said it's customary for leaders to keep pens after signing accords. But the manner in which he sized up the pen — encrusted with semiprecious Chilean stones — and then sneakily slipped it into his pocket while he sat at a desk alongside Chilean President Sebastian Pinera has seen him ridiculed by some of his countrymen.

"It seemed to me absolutely inappropriate to do anything like that during an official ceremony," said Vojtech Palous, a 23-year-old student.

Campaign participants are being asked to send to the presidential office pens, pencils or other writing means on May 2 because "Mr. President obviously has nothing to write with." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Tickling your funny bone



► Debra DiGiovanni is one of the headliners of this year's Halifax ComedyFest.

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"Right before you get on stage, you feel like you're going to throw up, but then they give you that mic and – boom! – you're home."

According to funny

woman Debra DiGiovanni, that's all it took for her to know stand up was where she should be.

DiGiovanni, star of MuchMusic's Video On Trial, joins a slew of comedy big wigs that will be in the city for this week's Halifax ComedyFest. The popular festival kicked off last night and runs through Saturday.

"I don't need to tell you that the east coast is just a good audience," DiGiovanni shares with me in a phone interview. "It's just

happier and they 'get it' more."

DiGiovanni tells me playing larger city-centres, like her native Toronto, has more of a "dance monkey dance" mentality, where smaller cities seem to be more receptive no matter their – how do we say – upbringing.

"It's almost a challenge. It's your goal to make that dude with a mullet and a handlebar moustache laugh," she says. "And when you get him, it's the

best feeling in the world."

DiGiovanni can always find the funny and has been fine-tuning her craft since the 1990s. She tells me the trick is to jot down sly comments that make your friends chuckle or streamline a funny story into a great punch line – then it's just a matter of fine-tuning to appeal to the audience.

"It's the beautiful thing about comedy because we can tailor it to suit any location," she says.

Halifax gets a full night of the arts

It will be an evening for art lovers of all mediums. Jazz pianist Harry Bentham plays you in followed by Irish dancers. The night then turns truly magical with Peter Ferguson leading into the evening's main event – musical guests Kirby Putnam and, the star of the show, Halifax singer-songwriter Jon Mullane, who is releasing his new CD Shift.

What: A Night for the Arts
Where: Morrow Room, The Halifax Club

When: Saturday, 6:30 p.m.
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A tribute to the King of Pop

It will be a night fans of Michael Jackson will not want to miss. This tribute show describes itself as having the top Jackson impersonators in the world as they perform what is titled a Glorious Tribute to the King of Pop. The show will include many of Jackson's mega-hits, like Thriller and Billie Jean, but also his days with the Jackson 5.

What: King Michael
Where: Halifax Forum
When: Saturday, 7 p.m.
Tickets: \$29.50 and \$35. Visit ticketpro.ca.

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Scene in brief



People magazine named Jennifer Lopez the World's Most Beautiful Woman. The singer, actress and American Idol judge tops the annual list of the World's Most Beautiful. Lopez is joined on this honour roll by such lovelies as Halle Berry, Jennifer Garner and Beyoncé Knowles.

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Bickering Braxtons

► Whether the cameras are on or off, Toni and her sisters are real

If you think all the infighting the Braxtons do on their new series is for the benefit of the cameras, think again — it's definitely the real part of this reality show.

The sisters proved as much after the cameras stopped rolling on the first season and they promoted the new WEtv show, Braxton Family Values, with a visit to The Associated Press.

As the five sisters — Toni, Traci, Towanda, Trina and Tamar — sat tightly together in a TV studio, getting touch-ups on their hair and make-up, there was obvious tension.

Once the interview began, one-word or short answers were given.

Shortly afterward, their publicist knocked on the door.

"I just want to talk to them. Can we stop for a minute?" she asked.

As the women went into another room, arguing was heard. But when they returned minutes later, they were all cheery — ready to promote their new show.

When Toni re-answered why she decided to do the show, she said it was part of her "becoming 2011." She then checked in on her sisters for approval.

"How am I doing ladies?" she asked. In unison they replied: "You're doing good."

The mother of two boys — her youngest is autistic



► The Braxton sisters, Toni, foreground center, and from left, Traci, Towanda, Trina and Tamar, of the WEtv reality series, Braxton Family Values, pose for a portrait in New York.

— opened her doors to the world in 2003 for the VH1 reality special, VH1 (Inside) Out: Toni Braxton — Family Comes First. Still, she says she was hesitant to let cameras back in her life on

a larger scale.

"I reneged a few times after I said, 'Yes, we can do the show,'" she said. "But over time my sisters said, '...You have to become current. ... (Fans) want to feel

like they're sitting in your living room and it's important that you convey that to your fans."

Braxton Family Values airs Tuesdays.

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TV watch list

Carell, Ferrell re-united on The Office

TV SHOW. The parade of high-profile guest stars visiting The Office continues tonight with Will Ferrell starting a four-episode story arc.

We already know Ferrell and Office star Steve Carell have great comic chemistry thanks to the 2006 film Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy, so here's hoping for lots of goofy interaction.

Ferrell plays the Scranton branch's new manager, Deangelo Vickers, and everyone is angling to make a good first impression.

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Real women of the mob

► New show looks at what it's really like to live in a crime family

Meet four women with family problems.

- Renee Graziano's dad is Anthony Graziano, who is a high-ranking member of the mob, Feds say, and is currently serving time for racketeering. Her ex-husband has also had a scrape with the law on a gambling charge.

- Drita D'Avanzo is the wife of Lee D'Avanzo, the alleged leader of a Bonanno and Colombo crime family team who has been incarcerated for bank robbery — twice — spanning most of their married life.

- Carla Facciolo's father went to prison when she was a girl. Now her husband, a former broker, is behind bars for stock fraud.

- Most notable of all, Karen Gravano is the daughter of Sammy "The Bull" Gravano, the notorious mob turncoat who co-operated

So many people have judged me already because of who my father is, and the type of lifestyle they believe we led."

KAREN GRAVANO

with the government to help take down John Gotti and the Gambino crime family. He, too, is currently in jail.

Now the four women are bonding at their Staten Island, N.Y., stomping ground for a new reality show, *Mob Wives*, a sort of *Growing Up Gotti* multiplied by four. It premieres this week on VH1 in the U.S.

"We are all similar women who come from a similar world and the same life situations," says Karen, who, for a future episode, was hosting a kaffeeklatsch recently in her living room that overlooks New York harbour. "I think our parents tried to keep us out of it, but it's the only world you know," she says.

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► From left, *Mob Wives* Renee Graziano, Karen Gravano, Drita D'Avanzo and Carla Facciolo.

2012 — let the games begin

► The satire on U.K. series 2012 may be too close to reality — especially for Olympic organizers

The broken clock had perfect timing.

Twenty Twelve, a satirical BBC sitcom about the London Olympics, kicked off last month with an episode that saw organizers unveil a baffling backwards-running clock counting down to the start of the Games.

Life soon imitated art.

A real clock installed in London's Trafalgar Square — hours before the show's launch — to tick down the 500 days to the opening ceremony stopped dead the very next day. It was several hours before engineers got it going again.

It was priceless free publicity for the BBC's *Twenty Twelve*, which has become must-watch television for those involved with organizing the Games — and anyone who has ever wondered whether London's creaky infrastructure can cope with an Olympic-sized challenge.

Each week on the show is an exercise in Murphy's Law: An athlete hired to help whip up excitement about the Games turns out to be phenomenally boring.

Each indignity is endured by a team of well-meaning but befuddled managers and a perky "Head of Brand" (Jessica Hynes), who spouts a torrent of PR bafflebagg: "Here's where we ramp up the public interest and take it to the next level ... go viral and launch 2012 2.0."

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Tourists flock to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil's second largest city, to see the giant statue of Christ the Redeemer, dance the samba and cheer their favourite team at Maracanã Stadium, one of the world's largest football arenas.

The city has also provided the backdrop for many movies, including this weekend's animated feature *Rio*, the story of a domesticated macaw (voiced by The Social Network's Jesse Eisenberg) from small-town Minneso-

ta who follows the bird of his dreams to the carnival city.

Rio has been a go-to location for filmmakers for years. To paraphrase '70s soft rockers Pablo Cruise, "Whoa oh ohh ... When my baby's budget permits, We go to Rio. De Janeiro." In *The Producers*, the crooked wannabe embezzlers plan to fly to Rio once they have bilked Broadway out of a million bucks. The city served as the background to Mickey Rourke's erotic adventures in *Wild Orchid* and James Bond was famously

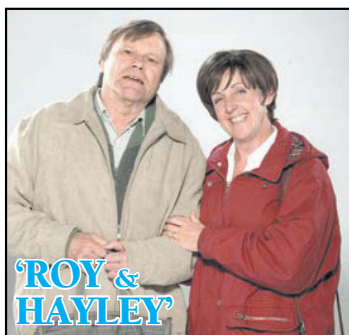
attacked by the metal mandibled jaws on a cable car at the top of Sugarloaf Mountain in *Moonraker*.

Although shot completely on location at Paramount Studios in Los Angeles, *Road to Rio*, the fifth of the Bob Hope-Bing Crosby "road" pictures, makes good use of stock footage and set decoration to create a suitably exotic setting.

A grittier look at the Brazilian city is offered in *City of God* (original title: *Cidade de Deus*), named after one of the city's most dangerous neighbourhoods. Following the stories of two boys — one who becomes a photographer, another who adopts a life of crime.

Finally a sunnier look at Rio life comes in *Blame It On Rio*, a 1984 Michael Caine film Roger Ebert described as having "the mind of a 1940s bongo comedy and the heart of a porno film."

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Bieber frustrated by Israeli media

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Justin Bieber

Justin Bieber's trip to Israel is off to a rocky start — tentative plans to meet the prime minister have fallen through under contentious circumstances, and the teen heartthrob says he has holed himself up in his hotel to escape the country's notoriously aggressive paparazzi.

Bieber, adored by young fans worldwide for hits like Baby, arrived in Israel on Monday and was planning to spend the week sightseeing ahead of an outdoor concert in Tel Aviv on Thursday.

The 17-year-old artist

has set off a wave of excitement, with young females camped outside his hotel and photographers aggressively following him at every stop.

Even Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appears to have been caught up in the hype. Officials in his office said the Israeli leader had hoped to meet the singer, but hinted that politics had scuttled the visit.

A spokesman for Netanyahu said Bieber's representatives had initiated the meeting.

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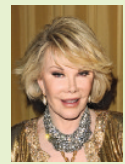
Talking points

Cowell closing in on billionaire status

PEOPLE It's no surprise that Simon Cowell brings in a decent salary — if \$208,000 a day is considered decent. In just a nine-month span in 2009, Cowell earned \$52.8 million thanks to American Idol, America's Got Talent and the X Factor, among other ventures, according to Hollyscoop. And within the next six years, Cowell could even hit billionaire status, since he now owns all of his musical and television assets, including the U.K. and U.S. versions of the X Factor.

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Celebrity tweets



Joan Rivers
[@Joan_Rivers] Just arrived in the U.K. People here are taking "The King's Speech" Oscar win very seriously! Everyone in London now has a stutter.



Chris Colfer
[@chriscolfer] I finally downloaded Angry Birds. I haven't slept in four days...



Zoëy Deschanel
[@therealzoeyd] I feel bad for wimps who can't drink coffee at night. sorry, wimps, coffee tastes just as good at night.

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Lady Gaga

Gaga disses plastic stars

Despite her outlandish costumes and hairstyles, Lady Gaga isn't planning any permanent changes to her appearance.

"I have never had plastic surgery, and there are many pop singers who have," the singer tells Harper's Bazaar. "I think that promoting insecurity in the form of plastic surgery is infinitely more harmful than an artistic

"I have never had plastic surgery, and there are many pop singers who have."

LADY GAGA

expression related to body modification. How many models and actresses do you see on magazine covers who have brand-new faces and have had plastic

surgery?"

She also acknowledges that some might take her new habit of affixing pointed horns to her cheeks and shoulders the wrong way.

"Trust me, I know that. I think a lot of people love to convolute what everyone else does in order to disempower women. But my fans know me," she says. METRO

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Style pick

Days of the week underwear
With the music video disaster Friday becoming a bona fide YouTube hit, it's become clear that some people may not know that Sunday comes after Saturday. Never forget which day it is again with Stella McCartney's Knickers of the Week.



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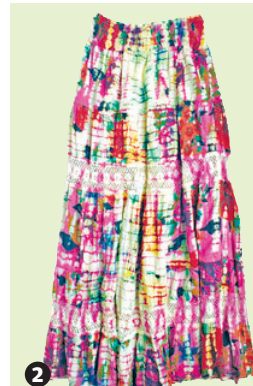
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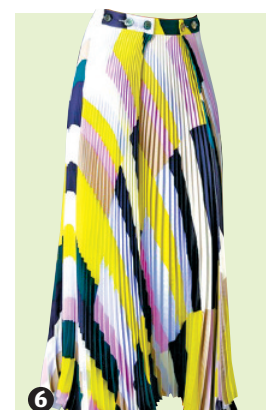
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These best friends are setting trends

► The yin and yang fashion aesthetic of Lemonade Mouth's two young starlets is about to get tweens talking



► Hailey Kiyoko, left and Naomi Scott star in Lemonade Mouth.

Hayley Kiyoko and Naomi Scott are the next generation of Disney Channel starlets, and these BFFs are getting a crash course in signing autographs, security guards and singing on live TV.

They've hit the media circuit this week and have a premiere to attend before Friday's debut of the TV movie *Lemonade Mouth*, about kids forming a band. But if this whole experience has been "just weird,

just crazy" — Scott's words — dressing the part hasn't been.

Kiyoko, 20, seems poised to become a fashion force, gravitating toward funky styles, wearing a leather cowboy shirt and shorts with tights. She even pulls off the leather fanny pack that she feels fairly passionate about. ("I love the fanny pack because I hate bringing those Mary Poppins big bags everywhere," she says. "I can wear this and keep

my stuff safe and I can always reach my phone and lip gloss.")

Her taste is "left of centre," and while she enjoys very much the self-expression that comes with fashion, the shopping part is mediocre, she says. The maximum time limit at the mall for this Los Angeles-area native is 90 minutes.

Scott would rather be shopping for candy and other sweets, although she likes the occasional spin

through a Zara or an All Saints shop. "Fashion" isn't really her thing, she says, although she's quickly realizing that paying attention to her clothes, and her beauty and grooming routines are all part of her job.

Looking good exudes a confidence that she hopes her new tween fans will learn, she says, but she wants the emphasis to be on a good, healthy outlook, not on perfection.

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Kate's perfect pair?

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Kate Middleton is allegedly planning on wearing ballet flats on her wedding day. In fact, rumour has it Kate may wear four or five different pairs of shoes throughout the celebration.

We probably won't know many details until April 29th, but London designer Aruna Seth received an official letter from Buckingham Palace informing her that her de-

signs were being considered.

Any bride —princess or not — would be overjoyed to walk down the aisle in these bejewelled nude patent leather flats. Powder, a bridal boutique in Woodbridge, Ontario, is the exclusive Canadian retailer for Aruna Seth shoes.

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Model-ready your hair

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The Kit models are busy women, and have a lot to say when it comes to keeping their hair in top shape. Here are some of their tips:

- Air-dry your hair as much as possible before blow-drying to limit the amount of heat you're blasting at it.
- Always use styling products that help hair stand up to the rigours of the curling or flat iron.
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► Come spring, winter-weary Canadians tend to focus their thoughts on outdoor projects in anticipation of those hot days of summer ► Here are four popular home renovation projects

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1

All decked out

Decking is the No. 1 home renovation project of choice, says Liz Martin, a project guide with

Rona, which offers customers free in-store deck designs, from basic to sophisticated, in an assortment of materials.

"Spring is about extending your living space," says Martin. "You're opening your

doors and making the outside inviting."

A basic pressure-treated 10-by-10-foot deck will cost around \$1,000 for the do-it-yourselfer; a 20-by-20-foot deck would run \$2,800.

A decking material

homeowners should consider, says Martin, is interlocking stone, which is maintenance free, has a longer lifespan than wood and generally offers more privacy as stone platforms are typically built lower to the ground.



2

Curb appeal

Now's also the time to think curb appeal. Consider an asphalt driveway to neaten up

your existing gravel or dirt driveway.

The beauty of asphalt is that it's far more flexible than concrete so it's less likely to crack. It's also cheaper than concrete and sets faster.

Asphalt driveways are

not likely a do-it-yourself job. Be careful when looking for a paving contractor, as the profession doesn't have the best reputation. Try looking for contractors at handycanadian.com, a website that helps consumers connect

with reputable contractors.

The cost of a new asphalt drive will cost from about \$2 to \$3.50 per square foot, says Kevin Guidolin of Upper Canada Asphalt.



3

Landscape to perfection

Major landscaping is not a job for the faint of heart. Not only do you

need time and patience, but if you're doing it all at once, it can be costly.

There are ways to break up the expense. A step-by-step approach, whether professionally installed or planted by hand, helps spread out

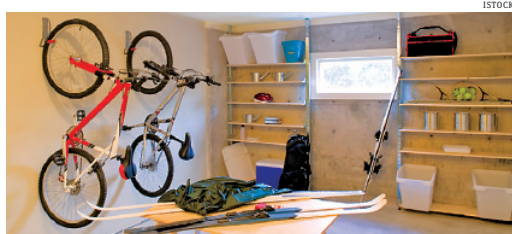
the cost, according to Home Depot.

Before planting anything, you'll need to install your drainage and consider irrigation.

Map out your paths and patios. Think about vertical focal points such

as trees, gazebos or pergolas.

With these in place, you're ready to fill in your landscape canvas with beds, shrubs and other plant materials over time.



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About the garage

Extending your indoor living space into the garage is a good idea if you're short on funds or can't stomach the disruption

of a major addition.

The first thing you need to do is check with your local building inspector to ensure the coast is clear for the conversion.

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The fine art of pruning

► Clematis is one of the earliest vines to green up in the spring ► But there's confusion about whether this woody plant should be pruned

There's a lot to like about clematis, one of the earliest vines to green up in the spring. It's easy to grow, blooms in profusion and is hardy, with some varieties lasting more than 50 years.

Yet there remains a great deal of confusion about when — or even if — these plants should be pruned.

"If you have vines that grow 20 feet a year, they likely will be blooming in your neighbour's yard and not your own," said Linda Beutler, curator of the Rogerson Clematis Collection at West Lynn, Ore., and author of Gardening with Clematis. "The reason for pruning is to keep them under control."

The tops get bulky and

the bottoms appear bare if you don't prune clematis plants every two or three years, Beutler said.

There are more than 250 clematis species and even more hybrids.

People new to gardening often are intimidated by pruning, but the clematis groupings are pretty straightforward, said Sandy Feather, a commercial horticulture specialist with Penn State Cooperative Extension in Pittsburgh.

"If you know which cultivar you have, (then) a lot of charts on the Internet can help show you when you should be pruning," Feather said.

With clematis, you ignore pruning at your peril,

said Dennis Patton, a horticulture agent with Kansas State University Research and Extension at Olathe. "Left untended, they will grow into a tangled mass of vines mixed with new growth. They will be unruly looking. Difficult to manage," he said.

Pruning the tops of the plants brings blooms back down to eye level, Patton said. "If in doubt, don't prune before flowering."

There are many ways to kill clematis, but pruning isn't one of them, Beutler said. "Even if you prune at the wrong time, the only thing that will happen is that you'll set the blooms back by a year."

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Clematis

► **Group A:** Vigorous spring-blooming varieties, including Alpina, Armandii and Montana varieties. They should be pruned as soon as they finish blooming.

► **Group B:** Large flowered hybrids, such as Nelly Moser, Miss Bateman and Henryi. Prune the tops lightly in February or March. They can be given a second cutting immediately after flowering.

► **Group C:** Late bloomers, including the iconic Jackmanii, the Perle d'Azur and Duchess of Albany. They should be pruned in late winter or early spring.



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With vibrant spring colours and bright flavours, it makes a terrific brunch. You can also cut the flatbreads into small squares for an appetizer.

Preparation:

1 In food processor, purée avocado with milk, basil, lemon juice, salt, pepper

Ingredients:

- 1 ripe avocado
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) milk (approx.)
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) fresh basil leaves
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) each salt and pepper
- Pinch crushed hot pepper flakes
- 16 asparagus spears,

and pepper flakes until smooth. (Add extra milk as needed to achieve a mixture that is easy to drizzle.)

Ingredients:

- Half small red pepper, very thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) very thinly sliced red onion
- 3 thin slices prosciutto, torn into pieces
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 prepared plain flatbreads or focaccia, about 12 x 7-inch (30cm x 18cm)

longer. Transfer asparagus and red pepper to an ice water bath; drain and dry well. Cut asparagus in half, lengthwise.

2 Bring large pot of salted water to boil. Add asparagus; after 1 minute add red pepper and cook for 2 minutes

3 Blend oil with garlic and brush over flatbreads; bake in 425 F (220 C) oven for 8 to 10 minutes or until crisp and gold-



► Substitute prepared flatbreads for store-bought or homemade pizza dough. Roll the dough out to size and increase the baking time to 15 minutes.

en; transfer to a cutting board. Drizzle half of avocado mix over breads. Garnish with asparagus, red pepper, onion and

prosciutto; drizzle with additional sauce.

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"There's a growing number of people who are eating vegetarian, especially as many meat eaters are mindful of how their meat is raised," says Cronish. "They are moving closer to being vegetarian, but they sometimes consume meat, poultry or fish."

Cronish and Crocker believe that *Everyday Flexitarian* is the perfect guide to feeding today's modern

family. The main dishes can be tailored to both the vegetarian and meat eater with instructions on when to separate the vegetarian portions, when to add the meat or fish or what to add instead of meat to retain healthy protein levels.

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Respect for the fundamentals

► Mooseheads centre Brent Andrews looks to bolster stock for NHL draft with strong U-18 tournament



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Brent Andrews has developed a reputation in hockey circles as a "details" kind of guy.

Not a guy who will carry a team offensively, or a guy who will wow fans with highlight-reel plays. But a guy who takes care of his defensive responsibilities, controls the puck along the boards, and wins important faceoffs.

It was attention to detail that Andrews focused on with the Halifax Mooseheads this season — and attention to detail that earned him a spot on Canada's roster at the IIHF World Under-18 Championship starting today in Germany.

"Even though I didn't have a lot of points this year, maybe not as many as some might have hoped, I wanted to improve little aspects of my game," Andrews said. "I tried to work on those and improve every day. I think that went pretty well so I'm happy with that."

The 18-year-old from Hunter River, P.E.I., drafted 15th overall by the Mooseheads in 2009, saw his point total climb from 16 to 29 in his second QMJHL season, producing 12 goals and 17 assists in 68 games.

Perhaps his most impressive statistic as a 17-year-old was his 633 faceoff wins, putting him 11th in the league and giving him a success rate of 55.1 per cent.

The six-foot-one 198-pounder will be asked to win some key faceoffs for Canada, which opens the U-18 tournament tomorrow against Martin Frk and the Czech Republic.

Andrews has spent the past week skating on Canada's fourth line with Ontario Hockey League product Alan Quine and QMJHL rookie of the year Charles Hudon.

"Every team that comes here wants to win a gold medal," he said. "I think we have a really good team, with a lot of hard-working guys. If we can come together, we can do anything."



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► Mooseheads forward Brent Andrews, rated 129th for June's NHL draft by Central Scouting, will compete at the IIHF World Under-18 Championship in Germany. The tournament starts today.

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Daly says Winnipeg rumours are 'untrue'

The NHL has rejected a report stating the Phoenix Coyotes are headed back to Winnipeg after the playoffs.

The Fan 590, a Toronto all-sports radio station, reported the move yesterday citing multiple sources.

NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly was quick to deny it, saying the league remains focused on completing a sale that would keep the team in Arizona.

"The report is untrue," Daly said in a statement. "No decisions have been made at this point in time, and there has not been a timetable set for making that decision."

"We are still continuing in our efforts to effectuate a sale of the franchise in Glendale."

The clock is ticking on Matthew Hulsizer as he continues to try to complete his purchase of the NHL team for a reported \$170 million US.

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Pronger, Richards sit out practice

Philadelphia Flyers defenceman Chris Pronger is a game-day decision for the playoff opener against the Buffalo Sabres.

Flyers captain Mike Richards also skipped practice the day before the post-season opener.

The Flyers say they gave Richards a "maintenance" day off yesterday. Asked why Richards was not at practice, coach Peter Laviolette says all injuries and status updates come from general manager Paul Holmgren.

Laviolette hesitated when asked if Richards would play the opener, then referred the question to Holmgren.

Holmgren later said all players aside from Pronger are healthy.

Laviolette said he would have liked to have had Richards at practice.

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Wings handle Coyotes in Game 1

Pavel Datsyuk and Johan Franzen scored midway through the second period to put the Detroit Red Wings ahead, and they went on to beat the Phoenix Coyotes 4-2 last night in Game 1 of the first-round playoff series.

Brian Rafalski and Jiri Hudler padded Detroit's lead late in the second period and early in the third.

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Jimmy Howard made 26 saves for the third-seeded

Red Wings.

Kyle Turris scored 2:16 in to put Phoenix ahead in his playoff debut. Radim Vrbata had a goal midway through the third period to pull the sixth-seeded Coyotes within two goals, but they couldn't get any closer.

Ilya Bryzgalov stopped all nine shots he faced in the first period, but gave up

three goals on 17 shots in the second. He finished with 32 saves.

The Red Wings lost their post-season opener last year at Phoenix, where they won Game 7.

Detroit got off to a better start this time in large part because it killed four penalties in the first period — including a 5-on-3 power play

that lasted 91 seconds — and dominated the second to build a two-goal lead.

The Red Wings seemed to get energized when Datsyuk tied it 1-1 at 7:38 of the second. He scored on a wraparound off an assist from Franzen, who then scored the go-ahead goal 4½ minutes later.

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Fleury stands tall for Penguins

▶ Short-handed Pittsburgh use grit and great goaltending to win Game 1

Alex Kovalev and Arron Asham scored third-period goals 18 seconds apart and Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 32 shots to lead the Pittsburgh Penguins to a 3-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning in the first-round playoff opener in Pittsburgh last night.

Chris Kunitz sealed the win with an empty-net goal in the final minute in the Penguins' first post-season game in the Consol Energy Center. Brooks Orpik, who had two assists, set the tone with a heavy and clean check on Lightning star Steven Stamkos to start the game.

Fleury made spectacular saves — including a blind stop on former Pen-

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guins forward Ryan Malone in the first period — and shut down the Lightning's high-powered offence. Fleury earned his fifth playoff shutout, one short of tying Tom Barraso's franchise record.

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▶ Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury blocks a shot by Tampa Bay's Teddy Purcell last night.

GM Nonis adds talented forward trio to IIHF roster

The core of the Canadian team is pretty much intact for the IIHF World Hockey Championship.

John Tavares, Jordan Eberle and Travis Zajac committed yesterday, bringing the number of forwards to 11. Five defence-

men and goaltenders James Reimer and Devan Dubnyk have also signed up.

That leaves GM Dave Non-

is with a few open roster spots, but they likely won't be filled until NHL teams start falling out of the playoffs.

Canada opens the tournament in Kosice, Slovakia, against Belarus on April 29.

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Sports in brief

Bynum injury is not serious

NBA. An MRI on L.A. Lakers centre Andrew Bynum yesterday showed only a bone bruise in his troublesome right knee.

The team says he should be able to play this weekend when the Lakers

begin their quest for a third straight title.

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Madrid rolls past Spurs

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE. Real Madrid beat Tottenham 1-0 yesterday in the Champions League quarter-finals. Cristiano Ronaldo scored the only goal in a win for the Spanish club.

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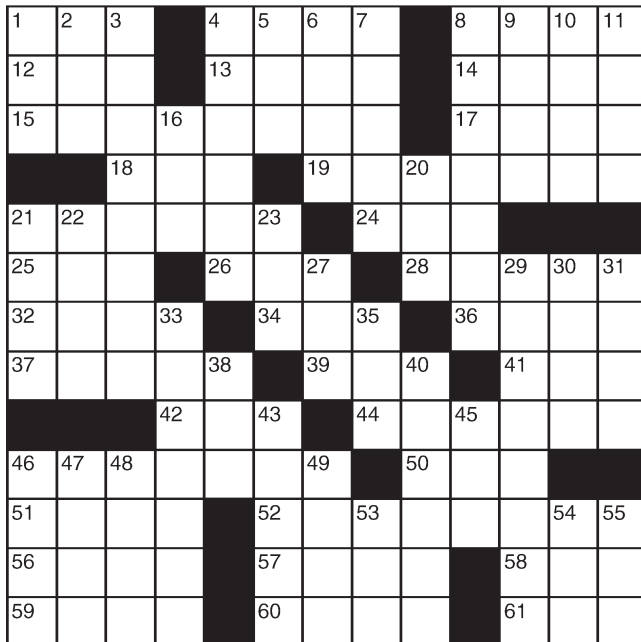
Crossword

Across

- 1 Trot
4 Recipe meas.
8 Agents, for short
12 Actress Gardner
13 Top-rated
14 Seed coat
15 Perform upkeep on
17 Capri, e.g.
18 "Kidding!"
19 Adulterated
21 Laundromat fixture
24 Science workshop
25 Slangy suffix
26 Scepter
28 Photo shoot VIP
32 Beams of light
34 Stir-fry pan
36 Test the waters
37 Small plateaus
39 Bro or sis
41 "There's no — team"
42 Charged bit
44 Ate
46 Less distinct
50 Trawler need
51 Oodles
52 "The Mona Lisa," e.g.
56 Caterwaul
57 Teen's woe
58 — de Cologne
59 Convince
60 Fast time?
61 Spinning stat

Down

- 1 Predicament
2 Eggs
3 Contradicts
4 Rag
5 Squeezing snake

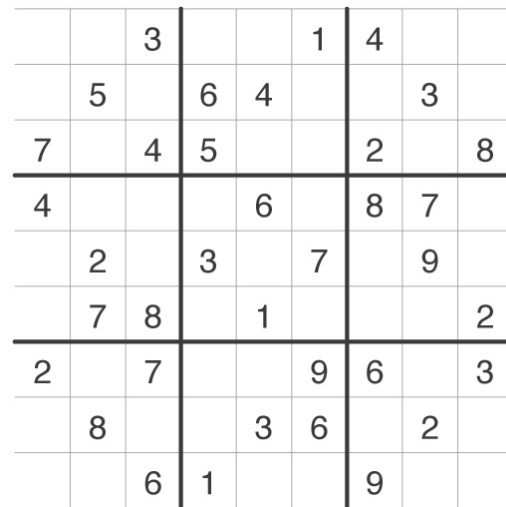


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7 Punishment-related
8 Spectrum
9 Formerly, formerly
10 Heap
11 Coaster
16 Japanese theater
20 Cartesian conclusion
21 Apple invader
22 Wings
23 Squabble
27 Two, in Tijuana
29 More frilly
30 Falco of "Nurse Jackie"
31 Impart for a while
33 Holy
35 Tease
38 Drunkard
40 Easter accessory
43 Kathmandu's land
45 Drench
46 Wray and Weldon
47 "That was — blow!"
48 Corn Belt state
49 "The Amazing —"
53 B&B
54 Siesta
55 Wrigley product

► Yesterday's answer



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Yesterday's answer ►

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7	8	2	6	4	3	1	5	9
3	1	9	5	7	8	6	4	2
8	3	6	7	2	5	4	9	1
2	9	5	1	8	4	3	6	7
1	4	7	3	9	6	8	2	5
4	6	1	8	5	9	2	7	3
9	7	3	2	6	1	5	8	4
5	2	8	4	3	7	9	1	6

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Today's horoscope

♈ **Aries** March 21-April 20 You have a knack for reading people's body language. Use it.
♉ **Taurus** April 21-May 21 You may want to withdraw into your shell. It would be a waste.
♊ **Gemini** May 22-June 21 No matter how busy you are at work, you must free up time to spend with your friends.
♋ **Cancer** June 22-July 22 A throwaway remark might not be meant seriously but certain people will take it seriously, so be careful what you say.

♌ **Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 Make it your business to find out why certain people are behaving erratically. You'll be surprised.
♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 You'll start to see solutions where before you saw problems.
♎ **Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Do you get involved in a dispute that is none of your business? You better decide quickly.
♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 If you can get others to do a large slice of your work for you today then do so.

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♐ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21 If you need help today, ask for it. Don't wait for others to notice you're having a hard time.
♑ **Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Others will sense your confidence and offer to do things for you. Why deny them?
♒ **Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You'll find it easy to express yourself. Others will get you.
♓ **Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20. You'll hear something that pleases you. Don't be suspicious of it. ● SALLY BROMPTON

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